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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE *3* MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *28 February 2008*.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *16-26, 31-38* is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) *16-26, 31-38* is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6)☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1.   In view of the appeal brief filed on 09/20/06, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY

REOPENED. The new ground of rejection is set forth below. A supervisory Patent

Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following

two options:

      (1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply

under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this office action is final): or,

      (2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 27 CFR 41.31 followed

by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and

appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in

37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must

pay the different between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

/Stephen S. Hong/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2178

2.   This action is responsive to communications: appeal brief filed on 02/28/08 to application

filed on 08/05/04.

3.   Claims 1-15 and 27-30 are canceled.

4.   Claims 16-26, 31-38 are pending claims in this case. Claims 16 and 31 are dependent

claims.

5.   All the rejections in the previous office action have been withdrawn as necessitated by

the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in
section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are
such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person
having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the
manner in which the invention was made.

7.   **Claims 16, 20-21, 23-25, 31-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being**

unpatentable over <u>Cseri</u> et al., US 2003/0046317 A1, filed 04/19/01, in view of <u>Petersen</u> et

al., US 2005/0144556 A1, filed 12/31/2003.

        Regarding independent claim 16, Cseri teaches a network device comprises:

-       at least one processor (Cseri, fig.1; [0020]; personal and server computers);

-       a network interface configured to communicate with the at least one processor and a

        network (Cseri, fig.1, [0020]; connecting to the Internet network);

-       an XML document processing module, including a compression module configured

        to compress XML documents and to convert compressed XML document into text to

provide back the XML documents (Cseri, [0014], [0020], [0063]; compressing XML

document by tokenizing the XML document to produce XML binary formatted

document and converting the XML binary formatted document back to the XML

document for displaying to a user computer).

However, Cseri does not explicitly disclose the XML documents are compressed valid

XML documents.

Petersen teaches XML documents are compressed valid XML documents with elements

and attributes in shot tokens (Petersen, [0083]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Petersen's teaching and Cseri's teaching to convert the

compressed binary into compressed valid XML, since the conversion would have provided

advantage of storing and transmitting the compressed valid XML documents which are in

reduced size.

Regarding claim 20, which is dependent on claim 16, Cseri does not teaches XML

document processing module includes a decompression module to decompress compressed valid

XML document.

Sullivan teaches the XML document processing module includes a decompression

module to decompress compressed valid XML document (Sullivan, fig.4; col.4, lines 64-66;

decompressing a token XML document to XML document).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Sullivan's teaching and Cseri's teaching to include a

decompressing module, since the combination would have recreated the XML from the token

XML document.

Regarding claim 21, which is dependent on claim 16, Cseri teaches the network device

is an embedded device server operable to manage a remote device using XML documents (Cseri,

[0020]; server and client).

Regarding claim 23, which is dependent on claim 16, Cseri teaches the network

interface includes a web interface (Cseri, [0020]-[0021]; in order to transmit, access XML web

document in the Internet, the network interface must includes a web interface).

Regarding claim 24, which is dependent on claim 16, Cseri teaches the network

interface is a wireless network (Cseri, [0021]).

Regarding claim 25, which is dependent on claim 24, Cseri teaches the network device

is included in a cell phone (Cseri, [0020], [0115], hand-held devices, mobile phones).

Regarding independent claim 31, Cseri teaches the steps of:

- a communication network (Cseri, [0020], [0021]; communication network for

   connecting systems to the Internet network);

- at least first and second network devices to communicate over the network (Cseri,

    [0020], [0021]; the network device comprises personal computer, hand-held devices,

    server computers, main frames, etc., wherein each network device includes:

    o at least one processor (Cseri, [0020]);

    o a network interface to communicate with the at least one processor (Cseri,

        figure 1, [0020], [0021]).

    o an XML document processing module, wherein the XML document

        processing module includes:

        ▪ a compressing module configured to compress XML documents and to

            convert compressed XML documents into text so as to provide back

            the XML document (Cseri, [0014], [0020], [0063]; compressing XML

            document by tokenizing the XML document to produce XML binary

            formatted document and converting the XML binary formatted

            document to XML document for displaying to a user computer).

However, Cseri does not explicitly disclose the XML documents are compressed valid

XML documents.

Petersen teaches XML documents are compressed valid XML documents with elements

and attributes in shot tokens (Petersen, [0083]) and the compressed valid XML documents can be

reconstructed to original XML document to display to user (Petersen, [0090]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Petersen's teaching and Cseri's teaching to convert the

compressed binary into compressed valid XML, since the conversion would have provided

advantage of storing and transmitting the compressed valid XML documents which are in reduced size.

Regarding claim 32, which is dependent on claim 31, referring to rationale relied to reject claim 31, the limitation "the first network device is an embedded device server, the first network device operable to receive a device configuration file as a compressed valid XML document and decompress the document" is included. The rationale is incorporated herein.

Regarding claim 33, which is dependent on claim 31, Cseri teaches the first network device is operable to transfer to a status message as a compressed valid XML document to the second network device (Cseri, fig.3B, [0063]; a system sends the compressed XML document).

Regarding claim 35, which is dependent on claim 31, Cseri teaches the network is a wireless communication network (Cseri, [0021]).

8.   Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over <u>Cseri and Petersen </u>as applied to claim 16 above, and further in view of <u>Girardot</u> et al., US 2003/0023628 A1, filed 04/09/01.

Regarding claim 17, which is dependent on claim 16, Sullivan does not explicitly disclose the XML document processing module includes a deflate compression algorithm.

Girardot teaches deflate compression is popular used to compress a document (Girardot, [0009]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Girardot's teaching and Cseri's teaching to compress the

XML document using deflate compression algorithm, since the deflate compression is popular

one.

9.   **Claims 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over**

Cseri, Petersen and Girardot as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Tycksen,

Jr. et al., US 6,189,097 B1, filed 03/24/97.

Regarding claim 18, which is dependent on claim 17, Sceri does not explicitly teach

compression module includes a binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm.

Tycksen teaches converting binary data to ASCII text (Tycksen, col.9, lines 7-15).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Tycksen's teaching and Sceri's teaching to include a

binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm, since the combination allowed to convert the XML

binary data in to ASCII text in order to provide the XML document to the user.

Regarding claim 19, which is dependent on claim 18, Sceri does not teaches the binary

to ASCII text encoding algorithm includes using base-64 encoding algorithm.

Tycksen teaches the binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm includes using base-64

encoding algorithm (Tycksen, col.9, lines 7-15).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Tycksen's teaching and Sceri's teaching to include a

binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm, since the combination allowed to convert the XML

binary data in to ASCII text in order to provide the XML document to the user.

10.   Claims 22, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Sceri and Petersen as applied to claims 16 above, and further in view of Ma et al., US

2005/0063575 A1, filed 09/22/03.

Regarding claim 22, which is dependent on claim 16, Sceri does not explicitly disclose

the network interface includes a serial port.

Ma teaches network interface includes a serial port (Ma, [0074]; a serial communication

network).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Ma's teaching and Sceri's teaching to include a serial

port, since the combination would have connected systems using many types of communication

network.

Regarding claim 34, which is dependent on claim 31, Sceri teaches the network is wired

or wireless satellite network (Sceri, [0019], [0020]). However, Sceri teaches does not explicitly

disclose the network is a serial communication network.

Ma teaches network is a serial communication network (Ma, [0074]; serial wireless

network).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Ma's teaching and Sceri's teaching to include a serial

wireless network, since the combination would have connect system using many type of

communication network.

11.   **Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over**

Sceri and Petersen as applied to claim 16 above, and further in view of Hsu et al., US

2004/0205158, filed 02/24/03.

  Regarding claim 26, which is dependent on claim 16, Sceri teaches the network is a

wireless local area network (WLAN) (Sceri, [0019], [0020], network LAN and is wired or

wireless). However, Sceri does not explicitly disclose the network device is included in a

WLAN computer card.

  Hsu teaches network device is included in a WLAN computer card (Hsu, [0093], laptop

includes WLAN card).

  It would h have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to have combined Hsu's teaching into Sceri's teaching to include WLAN

computer card, since the combination would have connected systems using many type of

communication network.

             Response to Arguments

12.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 16-26, 31-38 have been considered but are

moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicants argue with respect to claims 16-17, 21, 23-25 that Cseri does not teach a

converting the compressed XML document into compressed valid XML document (Appeal

Brief, pages 11, 15).

However, the combination of Cseri and Petersen teaches such limitation as explained in

the rejection above.

Applicants argue with respect to claims 18-19 that Tycksen does not teach compression

module includes a binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm (Appeal Brief, pages 1-17).

Cseri teaches converting a binary data to XML document in order to display the XML to

users. Tycksen teaches converting a binary to ASCII text encoding algorithm. Therefore, the

combination of Cseri and Tycksen would have converted the binary formatted XML to ASCII

text for display to the users' computer.

Applicants argue with respect to claims 20, 22, 26, 31-35 that Cseri does not teach a

converting the compressed XML document into compressed valid XML document (Appeal

Brief, pages 17-20).

However, the combination of Cseri and Petersen teaches such limitation as explained in

the rejection above.

Conclusion

13.   The prior art made of record, listed on PTO 892 provided to Applicant is considered to

have relevancy to the claimed invention.

Applicant should review each identified reference carefully before responding to this office action to properly advance the case in light of the prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu V. Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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